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**TITLE:** Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 2-10 and 26 for 2006-2007 Hunting Season.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 2-10 (deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, buffalo, bear, and lion) and 26 (population management) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices. Spring turkey, spring bear, spring buffalo, and spring javelina Commission orders will be presented at the August Commission meeting.

**DATE:** April 4, 2006

Summary:

The following text includes a description of public comments, Department responses, and recommendations for Commission orders 2-10 and 26. Public comments pertaining to Commission rules rather than Commission orders generally are not presented in this memo. Eleven public meetings were held throughout the state to solicit input to the 2006-2007 hunting seasons. The opinion of the 601 meeting participants to the Alternative Mule Deer Management Plan and Regional Elk Operational Plans were also solicited. Public comment by mail, fax, and e-mail was solicited and to date the Department received about 300 written comments.

The Commission directed the Department to allocate at least 5% of the available elk permits, at least 2 % of the general deer permits, and at least 2% of the general turkey permits to juniors-only seasons. The recommendations in this package offer 5% juniors-only elk permits, 3.3% juniors-only deer permits (400 of which are antlerless permits on the Kaibab in Unit 12AW), and 2.7% juniors-only turkey permits. This allocation of juniors hunting opportunity to selectively expose more youth to hunting is consistent with recommendations from the hunter recruitment and retention report and related direction from the Commission to facilitate increased hunter recruitment.

The hunter recruitment and retention team report identified the inability of hunters to draw a permit as a substantial obstacle to hunter retention. The Commission and Department have investigated increasing permits for many species. Archery elk hunting opportunity was

considered to be a good opportunity to increase permits because archery bull hunting success has been increasing steadily and archers often demand more opportunity. Once investigated, the archery hunting public strongly opposed this option and the Commission directed the Department to abandon the proposed change to archery elk hunt guidelines at their February meeting. Within this recommendation package, the Department recommends changes to historic deer and javelina management that will increase the number and diversity of opportunities available to big game hunters. An allocation of no more than 10% of general white-tailed deer hunting opportunities during the December hunt structure will allow the Commission to issue a greater number of general season permits during earlier seasons when hunt success is lower (generally 15-20% vs. 30-40% hunt success for the December season). Javelina permits are recommended for fall seasons in Region 5 to provide a greater diversity of opportunity to hunters, while decreasing the administrative burden of the Department when issuing leftover tags. These recommendations should favorably impact hunter retention.

Species-specific comments and Department responses are offered below under the appropriate species and Commission order.

### **Commission Order 2 – Deer**

The Department is recommending 38,275 general deer permits in 2006, an increase of 580 permits statewide from 2005. White-tailed deer permits increased by 570 permits, comprising the largest proportion of the increase. White-tailed deer permits were decreased within Region 5, largely as a result of increasing December white-tailed deer opportunity because these later hunts historically comprised only 6-8% of the permits in that Region. Juniors permits are recommended at 1,310, a 60 permit increase over 2005. Archery deer seasons are recommended for simplification and standardization. The January portion of the archery deer season is recommended for a minor reduction in length (ends on Thursday of week 4 of annual calendar). This reduction in season length will accommodate a spring javelina season change, allowing for 10-day juniors javelina season with no archery overlap. The December archery deer and general deer seasons are recommended to begin on December 15, 2006 rather than December 22, 2006 as originally proposed to the Commission in December 2005. The December deer season opened on Friday of week 51 of the yearly calendar beginning in 2004, but is recommended to return to the third Friday of December as it had been historically because of the increased restriction of hunting days. Muzzleloader permits are recommended at 910 permits, an increase of 65 from 2005. A 10-permit CHAMP deer hunt will once again be offered on Fort Huachuca.

In Unit 12AW, the Department is recommending a 500 permit early general antlered season (500 permit decrease). The Department is also recommending a 400 permit juniors antlerless season (350 permit decrease) in response to improved vegetative conditions. This reduction to antlerless season permits should allow for a modest growth in the deer herd on the Kaibab. The Commission will also be provided with an update to the ongoing research project on the Kaibab whereby the Department is further investigating the relationship of the deer herd to current winter range conditions.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING DEER

### GENERAL SEASONS

1. *I support the proposed stratified white-tailed deer structure in central Arizona with statewide allocation of 10% during December.*

Thank you.

2. *Don't change the late white-tailed deer hunts. Quality is more important than quantity.*

The Department is not recommending any change to the structure of the December white-tailed deer hunts. However, the Commission asked the Department to review allocating no more than 10% of the white-tailed deer hunting opportunity during the December season. This should result in higher quality December white-tailed deer hunts due to lower hunter densities in central Arizona, while increasing the opportunity for white-tailed deer hunting during December in southern Arizona (which historically offered only 6-8% of the white-tailed deer opportunity during December). This strategy will allow the Department to offer more early season opportunity in central Arizona because the hunt success is lower during the early hunts. Even though December hunt permits in central Arizona will be decreased, this season structure should actually improve the quality of the central Arizona December white-tailed deer hunts for those who are drawn.

3. *Don't increase length of white-tailed deer hunts from 4 to 10 days. Do not ruin the November whitetail hunt by increasing the length of the October whitetail hunt.*

The Commission directed the Department to implement 10-day deer seasons so that when an individual was drawn for a deer hunt, that person would have some flexibility in regards to scheduling their hunt in response to personal schedules and inclement weather. The Department will still manage the harvest in response to biological variables measured annually. The Department does not expect that the October season will have an adverse affect on the November season. Resultant hunter harvest and success data will be monitored to assess effects.

4. *Don't shorten the white-tailed deer hunts or archery deer hunts in December.*

The original proposal that the Department shared with the public did not intentionally shorten the December white-tailed deer or archery deer seasons. This change was a result of guideline implemented two years ago which tied the opening date to Friday of week 51. The shortening of the season in the original proposal was a result of the calendar change in 2006. The Department has amended its recommendation to allow the December deer season opener to begin on December 15, 2006 rather than December 22, 2006 as originally proposed. The Department further proposes to continue to open this season on the third Friday of December rather than on a specific week of the year.

5. *Don't shorten the January archery deer season.*

The Department recommends a shortening of the January archery deer and javelina seasons to allow for the implementation of an extended 10-day juniors javelina season without archery hunt overlap. The Department does not recommend that general season juniors seasons and archery deer and javelina seasons overlap due to the differing desires and expectations of participants in the various season types. The Department further recommends that season dates are standardized statewide to minimize confusion about season dates among hunters. The archery season will not be shortened drastically and affords the opportunity for increased juniors hunting opportunity. The Department does not recommend any change to the proposed season structures in response to this comment.

6. *Do not manage for the lower hunt success for deer; the deer herds in Arizona are already at low levels and hunt quality also plays an important role in hunter retention.*

The Commission directed the Department to manage for lower hunt success (5% lower than historic levels) to provide more opportunity for hunters to participate in deer hunting. Hunt success is one of four factors that the Department uses to adjust permits annually (the others are buck:doe ratios, fawn:doe ratios, and population trend). The Department examines each factor when recommending permits and does not use any one factor without considering the others. A main factor identified in a hunter retention survey was the inability to go hunting as an obstacle to keeping hunters in this recreational activity. The proposed change is not likely to have a large impact on hunter satisfaction while providing the opportunity for a few more hunters to participate. This guideline change had minimal effect on this year's deer hunt recommendation package. The Department does not recommend any change to the hunt guidelines in response to this comment.

7. *Ten day seasons are too long for mule deer where low hunt success is already a problem.*

Longer seasons will provide hunters with more flexibility in scheduling hunts and may improve hunt success in some units. The Department will still recommend permits based on measured biological parameters and does not believe this will be an adverse impact to deer populations. Also, some general deer seasons previously had been longer than 10 days and these have been decreased to 10 days so as to be standardized across the state.

8. *Reduce the number of permits that are issued for deer (various units).*

The Department recommends permits based on several biological factors that are measured through surveys annually. Buck:doe ratios must be below 10:100 before any impact to breeding and reproduction has been noted in published studies and Arizona manages for substantially higher buck:doe ratios. Eliminating buck harvest has little effect on recruitment.

9. *There were far too many tags on the North Kaibab this year.*

The North Kaibab is managed under the Alternative Deer Management Plan, and permit numbers are adjusted annually based on buck:doe, fawn:doe, yearling buck weights, and browse monitoring. As with the standard management units, the Department revises recommendations annually and a substantial reduction is recommended for 2006.

10. *In Unit 34A: Eliminate the archery hunt for deer, reduce the number of general season permits, and reschedule the muzzleloader hunt to be the first season and increase permits by 10%.*

The Department attempts to manage season opportunity based on demand. Eliminating the archery hunt is unnecessary and permit numbers are allocated annually. The Department does not recommend any change to season structure in response to this comment.

11. *Do not remove Unit 36B mule deer management from the Alternative Deer Management Plan.*

Unit 36B was removed from the Alternative Deer Management Plan because the Department was unable to meet management objectives associated with the plan. With the removal from the plan, the mule deer can be managed according to standard management guidelines and additional opportunity can be provided to hunters.

12. *There should be a no-spike rule for deer harvest.*

Antler point restrictions have been repeatedly shown to be ineffective through published research. These regulations increase pressure on the age classes that are of greatest interest for recruitment and often increase inadvertent illegal take. Most hunters harvest deer in proportion to their availability and during years with good recruitment, young deer can constitute a large proportion of the harvest. The Department does not recommend managing deer populations through antler point restrictions.

## MUZZLELOADER SEASONS

1. *Set up a rotating early season muzzleloader white-tailed deer season in the central Arizona units.*

The Department attempts to offer season choices in alignment with demand. Muzzleloader seasons may be recommended to meet demand within biological sideboards. The Department does not recommend any change to the season structures in response to this comment.

2. *Open an early muzzleloader hunt in Unit 37B. Open a rotating early muzzleloader season coinciding with the archery season in Units 37A and 37B.*

Deer populations are currently at low levels within Units 37A and B. The Department does not recommend increasing the number of seasons offered within these units at this time. Further, the Department does not recommend offering firearm and archery deer seasons at the same time due to conflicting hunter desires and expectations during the two differing season types.

## JUNIORS SEASONS

1. *The juniors hunt on the Kaibab should be in October, not November.*

The Commission has directed the Department to offer the juniors deer season on the Kaibab at a time when the harvest best targets the management objectives of the antlerless harvest. Specifically, the antlerless deer harvest on the Kaibab regulates the number of deer wintering on the west side winter range. The antlerless harvest is timed to occur after the deer have left the summer range and arrived on the winter range. This timing eliminates the removal of deer that may winter on the east side where no impact to the winter range has been detected.

2. *The juniors deer hunt in Unit 20C needs to be moved to dates before the general season or into December.*

The Commission has directed the Department to offer juniors deer hunting opportunities over the Columbus or Thanksgiving weekends so that kids have an opportunity to hunt during time periods when they are not in school. Additionally, these seasons are scheduled to run for 10 days so that two weekends are available to juniors hunters.

3. *I oppose a juniors deer hunt in Unit 16A during October. In fact, let juniors apply for tags with everyone else.*

The Commission has directed the Department to offer at least 2% of the general season permits for juniors hunters to increase hunter recruitment and retention. The juniors muzzleloader season is recommended to remain at 30 permits during December, but an additional 20 general season permits are recommended for an earlier hunt in Unit 16A.

4. *Juniors deer hunts should encompass a school holiday.*

The Commission has directed the Department to offer juniors deer seasons that encompass the Columbus or Thanksgiving holidays, except in those units managed under the Alternative Deer Management Plan.

## ARCHERY SEASONS

1. *Put archery deer hunts north of the Colorado River on the draw system.*

The Department investigated placing archery deer hunts north of the Colorado River on the draw during 2002. There was substantial public dislike of the concept, and archers on the Kaibab subsequently were required to check their deer at the Jacob Lake check station as do the general season hunters. The check station data substantiated hunter survey data that indicated there was no greater need to regulate archers with permitting on the Kaibab than there was in other areas within the state that receive substantial interest from archers.

2. *Put all archery deer on the draw.*

The Department has implemented a mandatory reporting for all successful archers to assist the Department in assessing the impact of archery harvest on deer populations within the state. To date, reporting seems to be at about 25-50%, and reactive enforcement efforts have been initiated to cite those that fail to report. Past data indicates that in units that receive substantial interest from archers, such as the Kaibab and Strip, archery harvest may approach that of general season hunters. If compliance with the mandatory reporting does not improve, the Department may recommend the implementation of a lottery draw for all archery deer hunters. However, at this time the Department does not recommend placing the archery deer hunt on the draw, and proactive outreach and education efforts are continuing to educate archers as to the requirement for mandatory harvest check.

3. *Archery hunters should be allowed to harvest does on the Kaibab.*

Antlerless harvest is managed fairly precisely to allow for the reduction, stabilization, or growth of the Kaibab population in response to biological factors measured as dictated by the Alternative Deer Management Plan. Mandatory archery harvest reporting on the North Kaibab has provided insufficient data, as has mandatory archery harvest reporting around the state, and managing antlerless harvest through archery hunts would be unpredictable at best. The Department recommends that antlerless harvest continue to be offered to juniors hunters on the North Kaibab; juniors may use archery equipment during their hunt.

4. *Add more archery deer units in December and January in the northern units. Offer a December deer season in Unit 7M.*

December and January typically have substantial precipitation in normal years. The U. S. Forest Service continues to have concerns regarding road damage as a result of hunters during these times of year. The Department will continue to investigate opportunities for providing deer hunting opportunities during the winter months and recommend seasons when appropriate, especially as deer populations rebound.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 2 – DEER AS PROPOSED.**

**Commission Order 3 – Pronghorn**

The general season permits are increased by 34 from last year with a recommendation of 455 permits. The archery recommendation is 395 permits, a reduction of 14 from last year; 40 permits were reduced in Unit 19A to address issues regarding continued human encroachment. The muzzleloader seasons are recommended for 103 permits, an increase of 6.

The Department has appended the Statewide Pronghorn Operational Plan that will be updated annually and shared with the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING PRONGHORN**

**GENERAL SEASONS**

1. *I support the proposal to standardize pronghorn seasons.*

Thank you.

2. *Continue to manage for conservative buck:doe ratios (closer to 50:100) in Unit 5.*

The Anderson Mesa pronghorn herd is recovering from recent lows as a direct result of collaborative habitat projects undertaken by the Department, private ranchers, land management agencies, and nongovernmental organizations like the Arizona Antelope Foundation and the Arizona Wildlife Federation, as well as recent favorable weather conditions. One of the management decisions was to manage for a buck:doe ratio that approached 40:100, and this past year the population achieved 39:100. The Department supports the collaborative approach to managing this herd, but as it rebounds there is an opportunity to harvest mature bucks that ultimately contribute little to the recovery of that population. The Department will continue to work with the collaborative group and make recommendations for the harvest of bucks that are biologically appropriate and socially prudent.

3. *Manage for available forage for pronghorn, especially in relation to elk numbers.*

The Department monitors forage use by elk and uses this data to assist in elk permit recommendations as described within the Regional Elk Operational Plans. Pronghorn consume broad-leaved herbaceous plants which tend to respond to seasonal moisture more so than does the grass that elk primarily depend upon. Although the potential for competition for forage exists especially during drought periods, the Department continues to manage for a balance between these species.



4. *Pronghorn hunting should be banned.*

There is no biological justification for the elimination of pronghorn hunting. Only male pronghorn are harvested in a conservative fashion that has never been demonstrated to impact the reproductive potential, herd growth, or herd health. The Department recommends that hunting continue to be managed according to the established Department's guidelines.

5. *I oppose the lengthening of pronghorn seasons from 6 to 10 days; hunt success is already high.*

Hunt success for general season pronghorn hunters does tend to be high, and measured harvest is used in the formulation of season and permit recommendations. The lengthening of the pronghorn season is not expected to substantially influence hunt success, but it will provide hunters with more time to participate in pronghorn hunting activities and greater flexibility to respond to inclement weather and personal issues.

## ARCHERY SEASONS

1. *Spread archery pronghorn hunting opportunity around, not just in Unit 19A.*

Unit 19A is losing substantial archery hunting opportunity this year, largely in response to increased urban development. The Department is recommending permit increases for archery in other portions of the state, but archers still receive greater than their share of pronghorn permits statewide relative to first choice applicant demand by weapon type. The Department tries to provide this opportunity in Unit 19A to take advantage of pronghorn that could not be hunted with firearms because of local land use issues.

### Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 3 – PRONGHORN AS PROPOSED.**

## Commission Order 4 – Elk

Elk harvest is recommended for stabilization statewide, with some opportunity for population growth in some areas. Statewide, calf recruitment has increased for the second year. General season permits are recommended at 14,715 permits, a decrease of 5 permits from last year. Juniors opportunities are decreased by 15 to 1,145 permits (5% of opportunity) and archery permits are recommended to decrease by 215 to 6,239. Similarly, muzzleloading opportunities are recommended to decrease 115 permits to 1,118. CHAMP hunters will retain the 10 permits allocated to this season type.

The hunt recommendation package was coordinated with the land management agencies, the local habitat partnership committees, and the Forage Resource Study Group. The general,

muzzleloader, archery, and juniors permit allocations were adjusted to address the allocation formula using 5-year averages of application rate and hunt success by weapon type. Permits for bull and antlerless harvest were recommended to meet management guidelines for bull to cow ratios and forage use.

Limited opportunity seasons are recommended for increases of 515 (1537 total) for general seasons and 50 (195 total) for archery seasons, and no limited opportunity muzzleloader season is being recommended.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING ELK

Although the Department received many comments regarding the original Commission direction to move some archery bull hunting opportunity out of September into a period with lower hunt success, the Department has not responded to these because the Commission has already directed the Department to disregard this proposal and maintain established guidelines regarding elk season structures.

### GENERAL SEASONS:

1. *Manage Units 22 and 23 as you have in the past; do not reduce bull:cow ratios.*

Bull:cow ratios have been managed at relatively high ratios in the past, resulting in increased broken antlered bulls due to sparring. Biologically, there is no need to manage for bull:cow ratios above standard guidelines of 20-30:100 bulls. Unit 23 has been designated as one of four units statewide that may be managed up to 40:100 cows. Allowing bull:cow ratios to increase above these guidelines will simply deny hunters an opportunity to pursue bull elk.

2. *Reduce permits to build up populations (various units).*

Recommendations for bull and antlerless elk permits are based on surveys of bull:cow ratios, calf:cow ratios, forage monitoring, and Regional Elk Operational Plans. Antlerless permits are adjusted to address population trajectory. Each herd unit is managed individually. Permits are allocated to address population objectives based on the aforementioned documents.

### JUNIORS SEASONS

1. *Juniors elk hunts should encompass a school holiday. Juniors elk hunts should be longer than 4 days.*

The Commission continues to direct the Department to examine juniors opportunities to the extent possible to improve hunter recruitment and retention. Managing juniors seasons to provide overlapping school holiday season dates result in overlaps with other juniors seasons, such as juniors deer hunts. The Department is recommending a 7-day season for juniors elk seasons this year.

## MUZZLELOADER SEASONS

1. *There should be more, late muzzleloader elk hunts like there are in Unit 6A.*

The Department evaluated many options regarding season structure as during the development of this year's recommendation package. Conflicting seasons present barriers to establishing late muzzleloader seasons in many units. The Department will continue to evaluate muzzleloader season structures, but does not recommend a change to season structures at this time.

2. *Open a late muzzleloader hunt in Units like 7, 8, 9, and 10, which would increase opportunity because muzzleloader hunters are less successful than are general season hunters.*

Muzzleloader seasons are established to meet demand and permits are allocated according to the allocation formula adopted by the Commission. Additional seasons will only be established in accordance with Commission direction.

## ARCHERY SEASONS

1. *Separate archery bull and antlerless seasons. Separate archery bull and antlerless seasons in Unit 7M.*

The Department has little ability to allocate additional time to archery seasons in most units because of the many hunts ongoing during the fall. A modified season structure separating bull and antlerless hunts was attempted in Unit 6A two years ago and met with substantial public opposition. In an effort to keep season dates standardized to the extent possible across the state, the Department does not recommend any change to season structures in response to this comment.

2. *Archers should be allowed to hunt other species while hunting elk, such as deer, pronghorn, bear, and turkey.*

Each species is managed to regulate harvest. Currently, archery deer seasons coincide with archery turkey seasons, and archery bear seasons are recommended to coincide with archery deer as well. Archery elk hunters often complain about overlapping bull and antlerless seasons, and additional complaints are likely if other species were hunted at the same time. The Department does not recommend any change to season structure in response to this comment.

### Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 4 – ELK AS PROPOSED.**

### **Commission Order 5 –Turkey**

The fall general turkey season is recommended for 5,310 permits, which is an increase of 480 permits over 2005. There are 150 juniors-only season turkey permits recommended (50 permit increase) with the same season dates as the general fall season.

The spring turkey season dates and permit levels will be considered at the August Commission meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING TURKEY**

1. *Increase juniors hunting opportunity consistent with demand.*

The Commission has directed the Department to offer at least 2% of the general season opportunity to juniors hunters and to target this species to assist with youth hunter recruitment. The recommended package will offer about 2.7% of the total opportunity to juniors. This is a 50 permit increase over last year's recommendation and works to increase selected juniors hunt opportunity for turkey in accord with Commission direction.

2. *Consider implementing a fall turkey season in Unit 13A.*

The Department evaluated several units this year and has included a fall season in Unit 13A as part of this recommendation package.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 5 – TURKEY AS PROPOSED.**

### **Commission Order 6 – Javelina**

For fall 2006, the Department is recommending a fall javelina season structure for Arizona. The Department is recommending a limited number of permits within Region 5, amounting to 15% of the typical spring offering of permits, which are frequently leftover following the spring draw and issued through the first come, first served process. The archery season dates are coincidental with the first 10 days of archery deer (September 1-10), the HAM season is scheduled to coincide with the first 10 days of the small game season (October 13-22), and the general season is scheduled to coincide with a 10-day deer season (November 10-19). The Department is recommending 660 archery, 605 HAM, and 920 general season permits.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING JAVELINA

1. *I do not support fall javelina seasons. Biologically, this is the wrong time of year because it is in a reproductive peak. Further, this will increase crowding within already crowded deer hunts.*

The Department recognizes that there is a reproductive pulse in javelina during the fall, but javelina breed yearlong and impacts to recruitment can occur at any time of the year. This proposal was implemented to address an administrative burden whereby about 15% of the permits in Region 5 had to be issued through the first come, first served draw. This burden increases Department financial resources and hunter satisfaction in acquiring the leftover permits. This recommendation moves 2,185 permits to the fall, should result in the harvest of about 500 javelina, of which no more than 250 will be female, and a smaller proportion yet will be reproductive during the hunt. These permits will be spread throughout southern Arizona and are extremely unlikely to have any negative biological impact on the statewide population or recruitment. As for hunter crowding issues, the units where these permits are recommended had at one time supported much larger numbers of deer hunters. Undoubtedly, some deer permit holders will also be javelina permit holders.

2. *I like the idea of being able to hunt javelina during the fall.*

The Department recommended this hunt structure in part to provide a diversity of opportunity. There has been substantial public support for this recommendation.

### Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 6 – JAVELINA AS PROPOSED.**

## **Commission Order 7 – Bighorn Sheep**

Bighorn sheep permits are recommended for a total of 93, an increase of 13 from last year. Units 15B and 15C are still at reduced numbers from historic levels, although Unit 15D is improving. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep are doing well and 5 permit increases are recommended as part of the total increase. Units 23 and 24A is recommended for 1 permit in the first Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunt in those units.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING BIGHORN SHEEP

1. *Bighorn sheep hunting should be banned.*

There is no biological justification for the elimination of bighorn sheep hunting. Only male bighorn sheep are harvested in an extremely conservative hunt design that has never been demonstrated to impact the reproductive potential, herd growth, or herd health. The Department recommends that hunting continue to be managed according to the Department's guidelines.

2. *Can you implement an archery only bighorn sheep season?*

Bighorn sheep permits are extremely few in number. Currently, a hunter could choose to use archery equipment during a general season. The Department does not believe there is a need to establish an archery only season with the limited numbers of permits and competition among hunters that are drawn.

3. *Don't change the hunt guidelines for bighorn sheep.*

The Commission approved the Department management guidelines for bighorn sheep in December. At the meeting, the Department recommended dropping the guidelines of harvesting 5-10% of the total ram population or 15-20% of the Class III and IV ram population. The newly adopted guideline focuses only on the older age class animals that are beyond the prime breeding age (Class III and IV rams) and recommends the harvest of 20-30% of these age classes. Based on the last 3 years of survey data statewide, Class III and IV rams comprise less than 14% of the total population and the removal of 20-30% of these amounts to 3-4% of the total population. Recently, several members of the public and organized sportsmen's groups have expressed frustration with older age class animals dying due to drought-related stress and disease, and this guideline change will provide the opportunity to transfer some of this mortality to harvest. The Department recommends no change to the newly adopted guideline.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 7 – BIGHORN SHEEP AS PROPOSED.**

**Commission Order 8 – Buffalo**

A total of 8 buffalo permits are recommended for the fall seasons. The Raymond Wildlife Area buffalo hunt is recommended for 4 hunts with 2 adult cow permits each. No general hunts are recommended on the House Rock Wildlife Area because structured hunts have been ineffective in harvesting buffalo. The House Rock herd is recommended for harvest using population management seasons that will allow the Department to be responsive to harvest opportunities when buffalo are available off the Grand Canyon National Park. No general season permits are recommended.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING BUFFALO

1. *Get buffalo permits for the House Rock herd into the hands of those who have been applying for many years; don't just issue them through population management hunts. That approach meets management objectives, but cheats the dedicated applicant.*

Although the Department understands the frustration of consistent applicants for buffalo permits on House Rock, recent experience indicates that those who were drawn for this hunt when offered were extremely dissatisfied with the resultant hunt experience due to lack of available buffalo. Also, all these hunters can put in for the supplemental hunter pool and have opportunity to be drawn for the population management hunts. The Department is working to address herd management issues and under the current conditions, population management hunts have proven the most effective in helping to meet management objectives. The Department intends to return to the permitted hunt process once herd management issues are adequately addressed, but the Department does not recommend any change to hunt structures in response to this comment.

To allow favoritism to those with the more bonus points for population management hunts would require a Commission rule change.

2. *Buffalo season structures for the House Rock herd need to cover long time frames or encompass a split season to give successful applicants an opportunity to harvest a buffalo.*

The Commission has authorized seasons meeting this description in the past, and these have not been any more successful in improving hunter harvest than have frequent, short season structures. At this time, the Department does not recommend any permits for general buffalo seasons on the House Rock Wildlife Area.

### Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 8 – BUFFALO AS PROPOSED.**

### **Commission Order 9 – Bear**

Fall bear seasons have been recommended for restructuring to enhance simplicity and standardization. General seasons may occur from August 11-31 or October 6-December 31, 2006, whereas archery seasons may occur during September 1-October 5, 2006. This structure allows for season type (archery, general) similarity among open seasons for various species (bear, deer, elk). Regions recommended units without hunts to allow for areas where nuisance bears may be released if captured and relocated. Overall, this resulted in a reduction of one female bear in the overall sow quota (recommended at 78 general and 17 archery; 95 total in 2006 vs. 85 general and 11 archery; 96 total in 2005). Notes for Commission order 9 have been

revised to incorporate new 48-hour telephone harvest report and the mandatory physical check-in that were both approved in revisions to Article 3 rules.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING BEAR

1. *Permitted bear baiting seasons should be reestablished in all units.*

This would require a change to R12-4-303.B, Unlawful Devices, Methods, and Ammunition and R12-4-318, Seasons for Lawfully Taking Wild Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles.

2. *Please put an end to spring bear hunting.*

Spring bear harvest has ranged from 1–4% of the total bear harvest since 2000 and less before that date. These spring hunts were originally intended to allow hunters to pursue bears in areas where there have been persistent nuisance complaints in the spring. Continuing these limited entry hunts affords opportunities for a small number of hunters, and counters habituation of bears in some areas.

3. *Black bear hunting should be banned.*

Black bear populations are robust and are sufficient to support regulated harvest. There is no evidence that the current harvest level is adversely impacting bear populations.

### Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 9 – BEAR AS PROPOSED.**

## **Commission Order 10 – Mountain Lion**

The Department recommends that the mountain lion season should be open from September 1 to May 31. This will include a new three-month closure (June through August) to correspond to a documented peak in the birthing of mountain lions. This closure will protect young lion kittens when they are most vulnerable. Notes for Commission order 10 have been revised to incorporate new 48-hour telephone harvest report and the mandatory physical check-in that were both approved in revisions to Article 3 rules.

The Department recommends that the multiple bag limits in Units 28 South and 37B North be removed because the resident bighorn sheep populations have stabilized following translocations into those units. A multiple bag limit of four lions is recommended for Unit 42 to reduce predation on a recently transplanted bighorn sheep population.



PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING MOUNTAIN LION

1. *The Kofa National Wildlife Refuge should be included with the units that close when a single lion is harvested.*

Before a mountain lion season can be initiated on the refuge, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would need to change their regulations to authorize it.

2. *Consider increasing the number of mountain lions that can be harvested from the southwestern units from 1 to 2.*

There has not been a lion harvested in this area since 1981. The current level allows hunters in this area the opportunity to pursue lions while ensuring the local population is not over exploited.

3. *I support the proposed season closure for mountain lion during summer months.*

The proposed season structure and closure is timed to correspond to the peak period for birthing of new kittens in an effort to increase survival of kittens. Harvest records indicate few lions are historically taken from June through August, therefore this closure will afford protection to young kittens while having an acceptably low impact on hunter opportunity.

4. *I oppose the summer closure on mountain lion hunting.*

See number 3 above

5. *Mountain lion seasons should open a bit earlier so that fall hunters can take a lion while they are hunting other game.*

See number 3 above.

6. *Predators are not the problem with bighorn sheep populations; it is actually livestock grazing in bighorn sheep habitat.*

Rarely are wildlife populations influenced by only one factor, it is usually a combination of several factors. There are certainly places where habitat conditions may be degraded as a result of a multitude of factors that may include livestock grazing, although this is rarely an issue within bighorn sheep range because of the rugged nature of the habitat that they occupy. In many of these habitats, predation by lions contribute – in addition to habitat conditions – to population declines.

7. *Do away with multiple bag limits for mountain lions.*

Multiple bag limits are one option to reduce negative impacts of mountain lion predation using hunters. There is no evidence that multiple bag limits have ever resulted in an over-harvest of lions, and should remain as an option for predation management.

8. *I support multiple bag limits for mountain lions.*

See number 7 above.

9. *I support the new mountain lion response protocol. But when removal is necessary, be certain it is not simply a result of new housing developments and a real issue exists.*

The Department has implemented the protocol and it has functioned well so far. The goal is to maintain current lion distribution in appropriate habitats while minimizing conflicts with humans. An important component of the protocol, as well as some focused outreach efforts, is to educate people to allow safe coexistence whenever possible.

10. *I support the proposed new rule requiring mandatory check in of harvested mountain lion.*

The Department is continuing to improve the data used to manage lions. The mandatory check-in will allow for collection of accurate age and sex data for harvested lions that will allow the Department to make inferences about lion population status.

11. *Physical check is just more work for agency; bad idea.*

See number 10 above.

Collecting and analyzing data to formulate management recommendations are critical functions of Department personnel. We will be implementing physical checks of harvested mountain lions in the most cost effective manner possible.

12. *When you establish the need to check in mountain lions and bears, there should be places in areas like Prescott where animals can be checked in; it is too far to go to a Department office.*

The Department is exploring this suggestion and the feasibility to accomplish this or similar options as administrative actions. The Department intends to implement these new requirements as conveniently as is practical.

13. *Mandatory physical checks for mountain lion are extremely inconvenient for guides with out of state hunters that must leave the state due to prior flight schedules on weekends. Why not make the submission of a molar mandatory?*

See number 12 above.

14. *Establish a multiple bag limit for mountain lions in Units 23 and 24A to help the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep population.*

Wildlife managers in the area indicate that a multiple bag limit is not needed at this time in Units 23 and 24A. The Department will continue to closely monitor this sheep population and if data indicates the population is being adversely impacted by mountain lion predation we will consider a multiple bag limit as an option under the Commission's Predation Management Policy. The population of bighorn sheep established itself without benefit of a multiple bag limit on mountain lions.

15. *Currently, my cattle are quite vulnerable along riparian areas during the summer months. The depredation statute and rule only allows me to pursue a mountain lion after it has killed livestock that often costs me around \$500. The summer season closure will not allow me to pursue mountain lion depredation in a preventative fashion.*

See number 3 above.

Livestock operators are allowed to take bears and lions that injure or kill their livestock per ARS 17-302. This statute was never intended to allow "preventative" removal of bears and lions.

16. *Provide feedback to each hunter that submits a tooth from a harvested mountain lion regarding the age of the animal harvested.*

The Department currently sends this information to successful hunters.

17. *There should be no mountain lion hunting.*

Mountain lion populations are robust and are sufficient to support regulated harvest. There is no evidence that the current harvest level is adversely impacting lion populations.

18. *You should continue to permit mountain lion hunting appropriately to manage prey, but not as heavily as you do now.*

See number 17 above.

19. *I support the implementation of the physical check in, 48 hour reporting, and shortening of mountain lion season. However, season should be shortened more (only open November 1 to March 31) in all units and multiple bag limits removed. Additionally, the Department should put limits on hunting female lions.*

See number 3 and number 10 above.

The intent of the season closure is not to protect young lions until they reach full adulthood, but to protect them until they are more able to avoid hunters and hounds. The proposed closure from June through August is adequate for this purpose without unnecessarily restricting hunter opportunity. It is unlawful to harvest spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens.

20. *Reduce season length to November 1 to March 31, close units within 48 hours of meeting harvest objectives, prohibit harvest of females or establish female subquotas, require physical check within 48-72 hours, prohibit use of hounds, improve justification for multiple bag limits and scientifically credible evidence that it works for managing mountain lions.*

See number 3 above.

Mountain lion populations in Arizona are robust and healthy and can sustain current harvest levels. If data shows the need to implement harvest quotas in the future, then the Department will consider it.

It would be logistically prohibitive to implement a season closure within a 24-hour period. The current system of closing a season the Wednesday after the harvest objective is met is adequate to protect a mountain lion population from over harvest. Given some of the remote areas within the state, a 48-72 hour check in would also be logistically difficult and an unreasonable burden for hunters.

Hunting for mountain lions with hounds is a traditional and acceptable method of take in Arizona. Retaining hound hunting opportunities is a specific part of the strategic goal for mountain lion management in the Department's strategic planning document "Wildlife 2006," which went through a thorough public review prior to its adoption by the Commission. Hound hunting has also been shown to allow for selection against female harvest, thus further protecting the female segment of the lion population.

Since the inception of the multiple bag limits, not a single harvest objective has been reached, and there is no evidence that any lion populations have been over harvested.

21. *Bag limit for mountain lions should be 1/person/year statewide.*

The statewide bag limit for mountain lion is one lion per year except for multiple bag limit units. Units with multiple bag limits are managed to minimize adverse impacts of mountain lions on

other wildlife populations. Once a multiple bag limit harvest objective is reached, the bag limit in the unit reverts back to one lion per year.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 10 – MOUNTAIN LION AS PROPOSED.**

**Commission Order 26 – Population Management Seasons**

Population management seasons are recommended for implementation in the same units as last year, although the seasons are scheduled to end on December 31, 2006. The Department intends to reauthorize population management seasons with the Commission during the December 2006 Commission meeting when pronghorn (Commission order 3) and elk (Commission order 4) are reauthorized. Additionally, legal wildlife has been redefined in an Article 1 rule change this year. Consequently, "designated elk" is the legal wildlife in each of the population management seasons, excepting those that may be issued to holders of permit tags for other big game seasons, so that the Director may designate the desired legal animal for harvest when the permits are authorized.

To date, no javelina or bear permits have been issued.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSES REGARDING POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:**

No substantive public comments were received regarding Population Management Seasons.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 26 – POPULATION MANAGEMENT SEASONS AS PROPOSED.**

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Attachments

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 2: Deer

### General Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		1	Any antlered deer	200	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		2A, 2B, and 2C	Any antlered deer	90	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(20)	3A and 3C	Any antlered deer	150	25
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		4A and 4B	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(21)	5A and 5B	Any antlered deer	450	100
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(21)	6A	Antlered mule deer	275	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(1,21)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlered mule deer	190	40
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(21)	7	Any antlered deer	800	100
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(21)	8	Antlered mule deer	500	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(21)	9	Any antlered deer	400	-250
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		10	Any antlered deer	800	100
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(2,3,18)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	150	-50
	Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(2,3,18)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(2,4,18)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	500	-500
	Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(2,4,18)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	175	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(14,18)	12B	Any antlered deer	25	0
	Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(14,18)	12B	Any antlered deer	75	10
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(5,14,18)	12B West	Any antlered deer	185	60
	Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2006	(14)	13A	Any antlered deer	40	10
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(14)	13B	Any antlered deer	75	15
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6)	16A (except Mohave County Park lands)	Any antlered deer	600	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		17A	Any antlered deer	375	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		17B	Any antlered deer	450	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		18A	Any antlered deer	600	100
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		18B	Any antlered deer	550	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		19A	Any antlered deer	400	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		19B	Any antlered deer	200	-50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		20A	Any antlered deer	550	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		20B	Any antlered deer	300	75
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		20C	Any antlered deer	300	75
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		20C	Any antlered deer	200	-25
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(14)	21	Antlered mule deer	400	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(10)	22	Antlered mule deer	500	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		23	Antlered mule deer	575	125
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		24A	Antlered mule deer	175	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		24B	Antlered mule deer	450	-100
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		27	Antlered mule deer	800	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		28	Antlered mule deer	400	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		28	Antlered mule deer	400	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(12)	29	Antlered mule deer	125	-25
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(12)	29	Antlered mule deer	125	-25
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6,12)	30A	Antlered mule deer	300	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6,12)	30A	Antlered mule deer	350	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(12)	30B	Antlered mule deer	400	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(12)	30B	Antlered mule deer	400	0

## General Deer

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		31	Antlered mule deer	100	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		31	Antlered mule deer	200	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(12)	32	Antlered mule deer	450	100
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(12)	32	Antlered mule deer	450	-150
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		33	Antlered mule deer	350	-50
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		33	Antlered mule deer	250	-50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(11)	34A	Antlered mule deer	75	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		34B	Antlered mule deer	100	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		34B	Antlered mule deer	100	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6)	36A	Antlered mule deer	350	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6)	36A	Antlered mule deer	450	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6)	36B	Antlered mule deer	150	25
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6)	36B	Antlered mule deer	150	25
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6)	36C	Antlered mule deer	100	-25
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6)	36C	Antlered mule deer	100	-25
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(14)	37A	Antlered mule deer	200	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		37B	Any antlered deer	500	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(7,14)	39, 40A, and 40B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 7)	Any antlered deer	300	50
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(8)	41	Any antlered deer	400	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		42 (except White Tank Mountain Park)	Any antlered deer	300	75
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6,8)	43A, 43B, 44A, and 44B	Any antlered deer	650	150
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6)	45A, 45B, and 45C	Any antlered deer	275	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(21)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	400	225
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(21)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	50	-100
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(1,21)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlered whitetail deer	20	20
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,21)	6B (except Camp Navajo) and 8	Antlered whitetail deer	50	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(21)	8	Antlered whitetail deer	50	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(14)	21	Antlered whitetail deer	350	350
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(14)	21	Antlered whitetail deer	50	-250
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(10)	22	Antlered whitetail deer	500	500
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(10)	22	Antlered whitetail deer	50	-400
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		23	Antlered whitetail deer	425	125
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		23	Antlered whitetail deer	50	-100
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	550	550
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	50	-325
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	250	250
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	200	200
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	50	-300
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		27 and 28	Antlered whitetail deer	150	150
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		27 and 28	Antlered whitetail deer	50	-200
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(12)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	400	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(12)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	450	-50
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(12)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	75	25
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6,12)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	250	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6,12)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	275	-25
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(6,12)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	75	25
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(12)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	250	-50
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(12)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	250	-50
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(12)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	50	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		31	Antlered whitetail deer	450	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		31	Antlered whitetail deer	550	0
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		31	Antlered whitetail deer	100	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(12)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	650	0

## General Deer

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(12)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	650	-150
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(12)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	200	100
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		33	Antlered whitetail deer	725	-25
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		33	Antlered whitetail deer	725	-25
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		33	Antlered whitetail deer	150	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(11)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	750	-150
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(11)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	750	-150
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(11)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	150	125
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	175	-100
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	200	-75
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	50	25
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	300	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	250	0
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	50	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	400	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	400	0
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	50	0
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	400	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	550	0
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	100	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	1000	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	1000	0
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	200	50
	Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	325	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	325	0
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	75	0
	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer		
				Total	38275	580

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

## Juniors-Only Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006		10	Any antlered deer	20	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2006	(2,13,19)	Winter Range Hunt Area in Unit 12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Antlerless deer	400	-350
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006		16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any antlered deer	20	20
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006		17B	Any antlered deer	10	0
	Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2006		18B	Any antlered deer	50	40
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006		20A	Any antlered deer	10	0
	Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2006		20C	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006		23	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006		27	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2006	(12)	32	Any antlered deer	150	50
	Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2006		33	Any antlered deer	175	175
	Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2006	(6)	36A	Any antlered deer	200	100
	Nov 17 - Nov 26, 2006		42 (except White Tank Mountain Park)	Any antlered deer	75	25
				Total	1310	60



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## CHAMP Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

**LAWFUL TAKING METHODS:** Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

**LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** Class F or G license plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114, and a CHAMP permit. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

**ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:** Limited to individuals with a Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) as pursuant to R12-4-217. Qualified individuals should contact Fort Huachuca for hunt numbers, season dates, and other requirements.

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

**LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** Class F or G license plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

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### ***Juniors-Only (Muzzleloader) Deer***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
			WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!		
			When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply with family on a separate application.		
			LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.		
			LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.		
			ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).		

### ***Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Deer***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Sep 1 - Sep 21, 2006	(1,6,20,21)	1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A (except Mohave County Park Lands), 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21 (except Cave Creek Recreation Area), 22, 23, 24A, 24B, 27, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34B, 35A, 35B, 36A, 36B, and 36C (including Buenos Aires NWR)	Any antlered deer
No Hunt	Aug 26 - Sep 22, 2005	(6,9,10,11,12,14)	2A, 2B, 2C, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21 (except Cave Creek Recreation Area), 22, 23, 24A, 24B, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34B, 35A, 35B, 36A, 36B, and 36C (except Buenos Aires NWR)	Any antlered deer
	Dec 15, 2006 - Jan 25, 2007	(6,7,8,9,10,11,12, 14,16,17)	10, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21 (except Cave Creek Recreation Area), 22, 23, 24A, 24B, 25M, 26M, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34B, 35A, 35B, 36A, 36B, 36C, 37A, 37B, 38M (including Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area), 39, 40A, 40B, 41, 42, 43A, 43B, 44A, 44B, and 47M	Any antlered deer
	Sep 15 - Sep 28, 2006	(14,15)	12A, 12B, and 13A (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED FOR 12A)	Any antlered deer
	Jan 1 - Jan 25, 2007	(6)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands), 27, 45A, 45B, and 45C	Any antlered deer
No Hunt	Aug 26 - Sep 1, 2005		27	Any antlered deer
No Hunt	Dec 16 - Dec 25, 2005		27	Any antlered deer
No Hunt	Jan 16 - Jan 31, 2006		27	Any antlered deer
No Hunt	Sep 1 - Sep 20, 2005	(6)	Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge	Any antlered deer
	Sep 1 - Sep 24, and Dec 22 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any antlered deer

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Archery Deer hunt nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

#### **Notes:**

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to deer hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard. For more information on how to apply for a Camp Navajo hunt, go to [www.campnavajo.com](http://www.campnavajo.com) and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Applications for Camp Navajo hunts may not be submitted online.

2. Application fees for Kaibab deer hunts no longer include the additional \$5.00 Kaibab administrative fee per person. A Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp is now required for all Unit 12A (North Kaibab) deer hunters. These stamps are available at a cost of \$15.00 at all Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or wherever hunting licenses are sold. All North Kaibab deer hunters shall have this stamp attached to their hunting license. They may not be obtained through the draw process. Successful Unit 12A (North Kaibab) deer hunters must check out and personally present their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station in accordance with R12-4-308.
3. 12A East Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located east of AZ Hwy 67 and south of U.S. Hwy 89A.
4. 12A West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located west of AZ Hwy 67 and also that portion of Unit 12A located north of U.S. Hwy 89A.
5. 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM Rd. 1065 and north of U. S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S. Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
6. The Buenos Aires, Cibola, Imperial, and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to deer hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
7. Entry into portions of these hunt units is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.
8. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to deer hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
9. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to deer hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. CHAMP hunts are open to the general public. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Applications for Fort Huachuca hunts may not be submitted online.
10. The posted fenced enclosures in Unit 22 (known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure) lying between the North and South Loop Roads (FR 647) are closed to the taking of deer.
11. The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
12. Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
13. An "antlerless deer" is a deer, any age, without antlers.
14. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
15. All Unit 12A (North Kaibab) archery deer hunters shall have attached to their hunting license a Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp. The stamp may be obtained for a cost of \$15.00, from any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or wherever hunting licenses are sold. Successful Unit 12A archery deer hunters must report their harvest by calling 1 (866) 903-DEER (3337). Unit 12A archery deer hunters are no longer required to check their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station.
16. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
17. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
18. Individuals with permits for these hunts are eligible to purchase Restricted Nonpermit tags for the corresponding elk and/or buffalo population management seasons listed in Commission Order 26.
19. Winter Range Hunt Area in Unit 12A West - That portion of Unit 12A West located west of the following line: beginning at the junction of FR 22 (West Side road) and the Kaibab National Forest boundary; south on FR 22 to FR 462; southeasterly on FR 462 to the intersection of FR 462, FR 22, and FR 270; south on FR 270 to the Grand Canyon National Park boundary.
20. Unit 3C Hunts – For all hunts that include that portion of Unit 3C south of AZ Hwy 260. Due to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire, there are Special Restrictions (per Forest Service Order) in place: 1) Vehicle access is allowed only on roads marked with white arrows; 2) No overnight camping, except in designated areas. Camping is permitted in five areas south of AZ Hwy 260 including Black Canyon Rim Campground, Gentry Campground, Lewis Campground (contact Lakeside Ranger District first), some portions of the forest west of FS 300, just south of AZ Hwy 260, and some areas west of FS 512; 3) Cross-country travel with any type of motorized vehicle is not allowed; 4) Retrieval of Big Game is restricted to roads only (hunters with dead, down, and tagged big game animals can travel on any visible roads, including any secondary or two-track, to retrieve their animals). Please call the Black Mesa Ranger District Office (928-535-4481) or Lakeside Ranger District Office (928-368-5111) for questions regarding the Forest Order and camping areas.
21. The U.S. Forest Service has expressed concern regarding road damage during wet weather. The Department is working with the U.S. Forest Service to provide limited access via designated core roads in units 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, and 9 that will remain open during periods when other roads may be closed. When weather is deemed severe, the core roads may also be closed to prevent excessive road damage, provide for public safety, and protect natural resources. Roads that have been closed are closed to all users. Hunters should respect and obey road closures and drive responsibly during wet periods. It is recommended that hunters contact the appropriate Forest Service office to determine current road status for their hunt area (see the Index: Hunting on Public Lands).

DEFINITION: ANTLERED - means having an antler fully erupted through the skin and capable of being shed as defined in R12-4-101.

DEER BAG LIMIT: One (1) deer per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

ARCHERY DEER SPECIAL REGULATION: All Archery hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person, or by telephone (1-866-903-DEER [3337]), within ten (10) days of taking a deer unless the deer has been checked through a mandatory hunter checking station (Pursuant to R12-4-308).

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 3: Pronghorn Antelope

### General Pronghorn Antelope

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		1	Buck antelope	30	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(5)	2A	Buck antelope	30	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		2C	Buck antelope	15	-5
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		3A	Buck antelope	15	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		3B	Buck antelope	5	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(1)	3B North	Buck antelope	5	-5
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		3C	Buck antelope	5	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		4A	Buck antelope	15	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		4B	Buck antelope	5	-5
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		5A	Buck antelope	6	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		5B	Buck antelope	7	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		6A	Buck antelope	3	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		7	Buck antelope	55	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		9	Buck antelope	20	5
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		10	Buck antelope	50	10
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(4)	12A and 12B	Buck antelope	2	2
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(4)	13A	Buck antelope	35	15
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(4)	13B	Buck antelope	20	10
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		17A	Buck antelope	4	1
	Sep 15 - Sep 20, 2006		18A	Buck antelope	15	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		18B	Buck antelope	30	5
	Sep 15 - Sep 20, 2006	(3)	19A (north of Hwy 89A)	Buck antelope	15	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		19A (south of Hwy 89A, east of paved Fain Rd., north of Hwy 169/69, west of FR 151/643)	Buck antelope	10	-10
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		19B	Buck antelope	40	10
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(4)	21	Buck antelope	5	1
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(3)	30A	Buck antelope	8	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		31 and 32	Buck antelope	4	0
	Sep 15 - Sep 20, 2006		34B	Buck antelope	1	0
				Total	455	34

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Pronghorn Antelope hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Muzzleloader Pronghorn Antelope

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(5)	2B	Buck antelope	35	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		8	Buck antelope	35	5
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006		15A and 15B	Buck antelope	2	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(3)	17B	Buck antelope	3	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 13, 2006		18A	Buck antelope	10	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 13, 2006	(3)	19A (north of Hwy 89A)	Buck antelope	15	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 13, 2006		34B	Buck antelope	1	0
	Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(3)	35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B	Buck antelope	2	1
				Total	103	6

## Muzzleloader Pronghorn Antelope

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!					
LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.					
LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Pronghorn Antelope hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.					

## Archery-Only Pronghorn Antelope

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		1	Buck antelope	30 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		3A and 3C	Buck antelope	25 5
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		3B	Buck antelope	10 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006	(1)	3B North	Buck antelope	20 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		4B	Buck antelope	20 5
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		5A	Buck antelope	5 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		5B	Buck antelope	10 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006	(2)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Buck antelope	25 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		10, 18A, and 18B	Buck antelope	100 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		11M	Buck antelope	5 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006	(4)	12A and 12B	Buck antelope	5 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		15A and 15B	Buck antelope	4 2
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006	(3)	17B	Buck antelope	5 0
	Aug 11 - Aug 24, 2006		19A (between Hwy 89A and Hwy 69/169, and east of Robert Rd.)	Buck antelope	40 -20
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		19A (between Hwy 89A and Hwy 69/169, and east of Robert Rd.)	Buck antelope	40 -20
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		19B (north of Willow Creek Rd.)	Buck antelope	20 10
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006	(4)	21	Buck antelope	10 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		31 and 32	Buck antelope	10 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006		34B	Buck antelope	1 0
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006	(3)	35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B	Buck antelope	10 4
	Aug 25 - Sep 7, 2006	(2)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Buck antelope	
Total					395 -14

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Pronghorn Antelope hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Notes:

- 3B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3B located north of U.S. Hwy 60.
- Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to antelope hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard. For more information on how to apply for a Camp Navajo hunt, go to [www.campnavajo.com](http://www.campnavajo.com) and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Applications for Camp Navajo hunts may not be submitted online.
- Hunter access in this unit is restricted. Applicants should secure access before applying.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- Individuals with permits for these hunts are eligible to purchase Restricted Nonpermit tags for the corresponding elk population management seasons listed in Commission Order 26.

DEFINITION: BUCK ANTELOPE - means a male pronghorn antelope as defined in R12-4-101.

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE BAG LIMIT: One (1) pronghorn antelope per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 4: Elk

### General Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 5, 2005	(33)	1	Bull elk	0	-40
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(35)	3A and 3C	Bull elk	25	0
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006		3B	Bull elk	20	-10
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 5, 2005		4B	Bull elk	0	-40
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(36)	5A	Bull elk	25	25
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 5, 2005		6B (except Camp Navajo)	Bull elk	0	-25
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(36)	9	Bull elk	25	25
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006		10	Bull elk	25	-25
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(31)	21	Bull elk	5	5
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(22)	22 North	Bull elk	30	0
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 5, 2005	(23)	22 South	Bull elk	0	-30
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006		23	Bull elk	150	150
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(27)	23 North	Bull elk	20	0
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(33)	1, 2B, and 2C	Bull elk	425	0
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(35)	3A and 3C	Bull elk	190	15
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006		3B	Bull elk	20	20
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006		3B	Bull elk	150	50
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006		4A	Bull elk	15	15
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006		4A	Bull elk	250	0
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006		4B	Bull elk	300	25
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(36)	5A	Bull elk	145	30
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(10,36)	5B North	Bull elk	500	50
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(13,36)	5B South	Bull elk	255	80
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(36)	6A	Bull elk	860	110
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(30,36)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Bull elk	190	15
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(20,36)	7 East	Bull elk	375	-85
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(21,36)	7 West	Bull elk	400	0
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(36)	8	Bull elk	425	0
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(36)	9	Bull elk	265	-15
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006		10	Bull elk	400	-50
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006		19A	Bull elk	20	5
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(24,25)	Mazatzal Hunt Area in Unit 22	Bull elk	0	-10
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(22)	22 North	Bull elk	150	50
No Hunt	Dec 8 - Dec 14, 2006	(22)	22 North	Bull elk	220	90
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(23)	22 South	Bull elk	0	-50
No Hunt	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(23)	22 South	Bull elk	30	0
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006		23	Bull elk	0	-120
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(28)	23 South	Bull elk	15	15
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(33)	27	Bull elk	25	25
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(33)	27	Bull elk	350	0
	Dec 15 - Dec 21, 2006	(1,33)	Escudilla Hunt Area in Unit 1	Antlerless elk	65	-10
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(2,33)	1 East	Antlerless elk	65	-160
	Dec 15 - Dec 21, 2006	(33)	1, 2B, and 2C	Antlerless elk	105	-315
	Oct 13 - Oct 18, 2006	(35)	3A and 3C	Antlerless elk	265	-115
	Dec 8 - Dec 14, 2006	(35)	3A and 3C	Antlerless elk	250	250
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(4,35)	3A and 3C East	Antlerless elk	300	0
	Dec 8 - Dec 14, 2006		3B	Antlerless elk	50	-20
	Dec 15 - Dec 31, 2006		3B	Antlerless elk	150	-75



## General Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(7,35)	3C West	Antlerless elk	150 0
	Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2006		4A	Antlerless elk	170 -80
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(36)	5A	Antlerless elk	350 100
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(36)	5A	Antlerless elk	200 0
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(10,36)	5B North	Antlerless elk	125 25
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(11,36)	Marshall Lake Hunt Area in Unit 5B North	Antlerless elk	300 0
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(13,36)	5B South	Antlerless elk	520 45
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(14,36)	Hutch Mtn. Hunt Area in Unit 5B South	Antlerless elk	430 30
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(15,36)	Melatone Mesa Hunt Area in Unit 5B South	Antlerless elk	190 10
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(36)	6A	Antlerless elk	535 50
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(18,36)	6A West	Antlerless elk	55 5
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(30,36)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlerless elk	400 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(20,36)	7 East	Antlerless elk	220 -105
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(21,36)	7 West	Antlerless elk	475 75
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(36)	8	Antlerless elk	200 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(36)	9	Antlerless elk	400 0
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006	(36)	9	Antlerless elk	400 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006		10	Antlerless elk	800 0
	Dec 1 - Dec 10, 2006		10	Antlerless elk	800 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006		19A	Antlerless elk	50 10
	Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2006		19A	Antlerless elk	20 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(22)	22 North	Antlerless elk	130 45
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(23)	22 South	Antlerless elk	15 0
	Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2006	(27)	23 North	Antlerless elk	30 0
	Dec 15 - Dec 21, 2006	(27)	23 North	Antlerless elk	90 0
	Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2006	(28)	23 South	Antlerless elk	20 0
	Dec 15 - Dec 21, 2006	(28)	23 South	Antlerless elk	20 0
	Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2006	(33)	27	Antlerless elk	70 -70
	Sep 29 - Oct 5, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Antlerless elk	
	Nov 24 - Dec 7, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Antlerless elk	
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(30,32)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B (Disabled Veteran)	Antlerless elk	
	Sep 29 - Oct 5, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any elk	
	Oct 27 - Nov 2, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any elk	
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(30,32)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B (Disabled Veteran)	Any elk	
Total					14715 -5

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Elk hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

## Juniors-Only Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(33)	1 and 2C	Antlerless elk	65 -85
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006		4A	Antlerless elk	220 -55
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(16,17,36)	6A North and 6A South	Antlerless elk	765 130
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(33)	27	Antlerless elk	95 -5
Total					1145 -15

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply with family on a separate application.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

## Juniors-Only Elk

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
<p>LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Elk hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.</p> <p>ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).</p>					

## Limited Opportunity (General) Elk

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Dec 8 - Dec 12, 2006	(3,29)	Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1	Antlerless elk	30 0
	Dec 22 - Dec 26, 2006	(3,29)	Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1	Antlerless elk	30 0
	Sep 15 - Sep 24, 2006	(29)	2B	Antlerless elk	40 0
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006	(29)	2B	Antlerless elk	35 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 29, 2006	(29)	2B	Antlerless elk	25 0
	Dec 8 - Dec 17, 2006	(29)	2B	Antlerless elk	20 0
No Hunt	Aug 12 - Aug 25, and Oct 1 - Dec 22, 2005	(6,29)	3A East	Antlerless elk	0 -5
	Oct 13 - Oct 26, 2006	(5,29)	3A West and 4B North	Antlerless elk	75 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(12,29,36)	Twin Arrows, Two Guns, and Grapevine Hunt Areas in Unit 5B North	Antlerless elk	140 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(19,29,36)	Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21	Antlerless elk	25 0
	Oct 20 - Dec 17, 2006	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Antlerless elk	400 400
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 16, 2005	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, and 19B	Antlerless elk	0 -80
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 16, 2005	(29)	Williamson Valley/Skull Valley/Kirkland Junction Hunt Area within Units 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20C	Antlerless elk	0 -20
No Hunt	Nov 4 - Nov 20, 2005	(29)	Williamson Valley/Skull Valley/Kirkland Junction Hunt Area within Units 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20C	Antlerless elk	0 -20
No Hunt	Dec 2 - Dec 18, 2005	(29)	Williamson Valley/Skull Valley/Kirkland Junction Hunt Area within Units 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20C	Antlerless elk	0 -20
	Aug 11 - Aug 14, 2006	(26,29)	Canyon Creek Hunt Area in Unit 23	Antlerless elk	8 0
	Aug 18 - Aug 21, 2006	(26,29)	Canyon Creek Hunt Area in Unit 23	Antlerless elk	8 0
	Sep 8 - Sep 11, 2006	(26,29)	Canyon Creek Hunt Area in Unit 23	Antlerless elk	8 0
	Sep 15 - Sep 18, 2006	(26,29)	Canyon Creek Hunt Area in Unit 23	Antlerless elk	8 0
	Dec 1 - Dec 12, 2006	(29)	24A	Antlerless elk	10 3
	Aug 18 - Aug 24, 2006	(29,34)	27 South	Antlerless elk	75 25
	Oct 6 - Nov 2, 2006	(29)	28, 31, and 32	Antlerless elk	15 5
	Nov 3 - Nov 30, 2006	(29)	28, 31, and 32	Antlerless elk	15 5
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(29)	28, 31, and 32	Antlerless elk	15 15
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(8,9,29,36)	East Sunset, West Sunset, and Meteor Crater Hunt Areas in Units 5A and 5B North	Antlerless elk	75 75
	Sep 15 - Sep 24, 2006	(29)	2B	Any elk	20 0
	Oct 6 - Oct 15, 2006	(29)	2B	Any elk	15 0
	Oct 20 - Oct 29, 2006	(29)	2B	Any elk	15 0
	Dec 8 - Dec 17, 2006	(29)	2B	Any elk	10 0
No Hunt	Aug 12 - Aug 25, and Oct 1 - Dec 22, 2005	(6,29)	3A East	Any elk	0 -5
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(8,9,29,36)	East Sunset, West Sunset, and Meteor Crater Hunt Areas in Units 5A and 5B North	Any elk	75 0
No Hunt	Oct 14 - Oct 20, 2005	(29)	Grapevine Hunt Area in Unit 5B North	Any elk	0 -20
No Hunt	Oct 14 - Oct 20, 2005	(29)	Twin Arrows and Two Guns Hunt Areas in Unit 5B North	Any elk	0 -20
	Nov 24 - Nov 30, 2006	(19,29,36)	Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21	Any elk	10 5

### Limited Opportunity (General) Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 6 - Oct 19, 2006	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Any elk	60	60
	Oct 20 - Dec 17, 2006	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Any elk	200	200
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 16, 2005	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, and 19B	Any elk	0	-30
No Hunt	Nov 4 - Nov 20, 2005	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, and 19B	Any elk	0	-40
No Hunt	Dec 2 - Dec 18, 2005	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, and 19B	Any elk	0	-60
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 16, 2005	(29)	Williamson Valley/Skull Valley/Kirkland Junction Hunt Area within Units 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20C	Any elk	0	-10
No Hunt	Nov 4 - Nov 20, 2005	(29)	Williamson Valley/Skull Valley/Kirkland Junction Hunt Area within Units 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20C	Any elk	0	-10
No Hunt	Dec 2 - Dec 18, 2005	(29)	Williamson Valley/Skull Valley/Kirkland Junction Hunt Area within Units 17A, 17B, 20A, and 20C	Any elk	0	-10
	Dec 1 - Dec 12, 2006	(29)	24A	Any elk	5	2
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006	(12,29,36)	Twin Arrows, Two Guns, and Grapevine Hunt Areas in Unit 5B North	Any elk	70	70
Total					1537	515

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LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Elk hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### CHAMP Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		3B	Antlerless elk	10	0
Total					10	0

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Elk hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114, and a CHAMP permit. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Limited to individuals with a Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) as pursuant to R12-4-217.

### Muzzleloader Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(33)	1, 2B, and 2C	Bull elk	40	40
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 5, 2005		4A	Bull elk	0	-10
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006		4B	Bull elk	40	40
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 5, 2005	(10)	5B North	Bull elk	0	-40
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(36)	6A	Bull elk	50	50
	Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2006	(36)	6A	Bull elk	390	-35
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006		16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Bull elk	3	0
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(31)	21	Bull elk	0	-5
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(23)	22 South	Bull elk	20	20
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 5, 2005		27	Bull elk	0	-25
	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2006		4B	Antlerless elk	175	-50
	Nov 17 - Nov 23, 2006	(36)	6A	Antlerless elk	250	-50
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(36)	8	Antlerless elk	150	-50
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Antlerless elk		
	Oct 6 - Oct 12, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any elk		

## Muzzleloader Elk

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	
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WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Elk hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

## Archery-Only Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(33)	1, 2B, and 2C	Bull elk	150 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(35)	3A and 3C	Bull elk	100 10
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		3B	Bull elk	25 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		4A	Bull elk	175 25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		4B	Bull elk	150 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(36)	5A	Bull elk	90 -55
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(10,36)	5B North	Bull elk	200 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(13,36)	5B South	Bull elk	195 45
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(16,36)	6A North	Bull elk	115 15
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(17,36)	6A South	Bull elk	115 15
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(18,36)	6A West	Bull elk	55 5
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(30,36)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Bull elk	80 15
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(20,36)	7 East	Bull elk	100 -15
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(21,36)	7 West	Bull elk	150 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(36)	8	Bull elk	125 25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(36)	9	Bull elk	75 -25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		10	Bull elk	125 -25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		11M	Bull elk	80 0
	Oct 6 - Oct 19, 2006		11M	Bull elk	80 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Bull elk	4 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		19A	Bull elk	20 5
	Nov 10 - Nov 23, 2006	(22)	22 North	Bull elk	200 15
	Nov 10 - Nov 23, 2006	(23)	22 South	Bull elk	20 -30
	Nov 10 - Nov 23, 2006		23	Bull elk	150 0
No Hunt	Sep 23 - Oct 6, 2005	(28)	23 South	Bull elk	0 -25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(33)	27	Bull elk	100 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(33)	1, 2B, and 2C	Antlerless elk	170 -155
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(35)	3A and 3C	Antlerless elk	70 20
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		3B	Antlerless elk	15 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		4A	Antlerless elk	295 -5
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		4B	Antlerless elk	50 -25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(36)	5A	Antlerless elk	220 -80
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(10,36)	5B North	Antlerless elk	200 -50
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(13,36)	5B South	Antlerless elk	360 10
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(16,36)	6A North	Antlerless elk	450 60
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(17,36)	6A South	Antlerless elk	450 60
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(18,36)	6A West	Antlerless elk	150 25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(30,36)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlerless elk	100 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(20,36)	7 East	Antlerless elk	150 -85
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(21,36)	7 West	Antlerless elk	225 -25
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(36)	8	Antlerless elk	50 50
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		10	Antlerless elk	100 0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006		11M	Antlerless elk	80 0

## Archery-Only Elk

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 6 - Oct 19, 2006		11M	Antlerless elk	80	0
	Nov 17 - Nov 30, 2006		22	Antlerless elk	100	15
	Nov 17 - Nov 30, 2006		23	Antlerless elk	100	0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(33)	27	Antlerless elk	145	-30
	Sep 4 - Sep 14, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Antlerless elk		
	Sep 15 - Sep 24, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Antlerless elk		
	Sep 4 - Sep 14, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any elk		
	Sep 15 - Sep 24, 2006	(30)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any elk		
Total					6239	-215

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LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Elk hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

## Limited Opportunity (Archery-Only) Elk

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
No Hunt	Sep 1 - Sep 30, 2005	(29)	Winslow Hunt Area within Units 4B and 5A	Antlerless elk	0	-5
No Hunt	Sep 16 - Oct 13, 2005	(29)	Winslow Hunt Area within Units 4B and 5A	Antlerless elk	0	-10
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 31, 2005	(29)	Winslow Hunt Area within Units 4B and 5A	Antlerless elk	0	-5
No Hunt	Oct 14 - Nov 13, 2005	(29)	Winslow Hunt Area within Units 4B and 5A	Antlerless elk	0	-10
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(19,29,36)	Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21	Antlerless elk	20	0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Antlerless elk	75	75
No Hunt	Sep 16 - Sep 29, 2005	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, and 19B	Antlerless elk	0	-35
No Hunt	Sep 1 - Sep 30, 2005	(29)	Winslow Hunt Area within Units 4B and 5A	Any elk	0	-5
No Hunt	Sep 30 - Oct 31, 2005	(29)	Winslow Hunt Area within Units 4B and 5A	Any elk	0	-5
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(19,29,36)	Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A, and 21	Any elk	15	5
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Any elk	75	75
No Hunt	Sep 16 - Sep 29, 2005	(29)	15A, 15B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, and 19B	Any elk	0	-35
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(29)	28	Any elk	5	0
	Sep 22 - Oct 5, 2006	(29)	31 and 32	Any elk	5	5
Total					195	50

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Elk hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Notes:

1. Escudilla Hunt Area in Unit 1 - That portion of Unit 1 east and north of U.S. Hwy 180.
2. 1 East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 1 beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 260 and AZ Hwy 261; south on AZ Hwy 261 to FR 113 (AZ Hwy 273); south on FR 113 to FR 249; east on FR 249 to U.S. Hwy 180; south and east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the Arizona/New Mexico Stateline; north along the Arizona/New Mexico Stateline to U.S. Hwy 60; west on U.S. Hwy 60 to U.S. Hwy 180; south on U.S. Hwy 180 to AZ Hwy 260; west on AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 261.
3. Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1 - That portion of Unit 1 beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 260 and AZ Hwy 261; south on AZ Hwy 261 to FR 8070C; east on FR 8070C to FR 285; north on FR 285 to FR 74; east on FR 74 to FR Trail 607 (Saffel Canyon Trail); east on FR Trail 607 to AZ Hwy 191; southeast on AZ Hwy 191 to Nutrioso Creek; north along Nutrioso Creek to AZ Hwy 60; west on AZ Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 191; south along AZ Hwy 191 to AZ Hwy 260; west on AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 261.
4. 3A and 3C East Hunt Unit - Unit 3A and that portion of Unit 3C north of AZ Hwy 260 and that portion of Unit 3C south of AZ Hwy 260 and east of FR 146.

5. 3A West and 4B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3A located west of AZ Hwy 77 and that portion of Unit 4B located north of the following: starting at Chevelon Canyon and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest boundary; southeasterly along the forest boundary to FR 153; south along FR 153 to FR 95; southeasterly along FR 95 to FR 88A; southeasterly along FR 88A to FR 88; southeasterly along FR 88 to AZ Hwy 277.
6. 3A East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3A located east of AZ Hwy 77.
7. 3C West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 3C which lies south of AZ Hwy 260 and west of FR 146.
8. Vehicle access to the East Sunset and West Sunset hunt areas is regulated by the Clear Creek Ranch. Foot access is unrestricted. For more information contact the Region 2 office at (928) 774-5045, or the Clear Creek Ranch at (928) 289-2601.
9. East Sunset, West Sunset, and Meteor Crater Hunt Area in Units 5A and 5B North - That portion of Unit 5A beginning at the junction of the northern boundary of the Coconino National Forest and AZ Hwy 87 (mp 316.7 on Hwy 87); west, north and west along the Coconino National Forest boundary to FR 69 (Meteor Crater Rd.); northerly along the FR 69 approximately 10.8 miles to a dirt road (Wolfolk Well Rd.); westerly on the dirt road to Diablo Canyon; northerly along the bottom of Diablo Canyon to I-40; easterly on I-40 to Hipkoe Dr. in Winslow; south on Hipkoe Dr. to Business I-40 (3rd St.); east on Business I-40 (3rd St.) to AZ Hwy 87; south on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 99; south on AZ Hwy 99 to East Clear Creek; southwesterly along the bottom of East Clear Creek to the Coconino National Forest boundary; north and west along the Coconino National Forest boundary to AZ Hwy 87.
10. 5B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located north of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.
11. Marshall Lake Hunt Area in Unit 5B North - That portion of Unit 5B beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and Walnut Creek (mp 337.5 on FH 3); southeasterly on FH 3 to FR 125; easterly on FR 125 to FR 82; southeasterly on FR 82 to FR 69B; easterly on FR 69B to FR 69; northeasterly on FR 69 to the rim of Anderson Mesa; northwesterly along the rim of Anderson Mesa to FR 125; easterly on FR 125 to FR 126; northerly on FR 126 to I-40; west on I-40 to Walnut Creek (mp 210.2); southwesterly along Walnut Creek to Walnut Canyon National Monument; southwesterly along the northern boundary of Walnut Canyon National Monument to Walnut Creek; southwesterly along Walnut Creek to FH 3 (mp 337.5).
12. Twin Arrows, Two Guns, and Grapevine Hunt Combined Hunt Areas in Unit 5B North - That portion of 5B beginning at the junction of FR 69 and the rim of Anderson Mesa (at Chavez Pass); northwest along the rim of Anderson Mesa to FR 125; north along FR 125 to FR 126; northwest on FR 126 (Twin Arrows road) to I-40; east along I-40 to Diablo Canyon; south along the bottom of Diablo Canyon approximately 16 miles to the extended Wolfolk Well dirt road; east on the Wolfolk Well dirt road to the Meteor Crater road (approx. 11.5 miles south of I-40); south on the Meteor Crater road approximately 13 miles to the junction of FR 69 and the rim of Anderson Mesa (at Chavez Pass).
13. 5B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located south of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.
14. Hutch Mountain Hunt Area in Unit 5B South - That portion of Unit 5B beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; southerly on FH 3 to AZ Hwy 87; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 87 to FR 211; northwesterly on FR 211 to FR 82; northwesterly on FR 82 to FR 125; westerly on FR 125 to FH 3.
15. Melatone Mesa Hunt Area in Unit 5B South - That portion of Unit 5B beginning at the junction of FR 82 and FR 69B; south and southwest on FR 82 to FR 211; southeasterly on FR 211 to AZ Hwy 87; northeasterly on AZ Hwy 87 to FR 69; northwesterly on FR 69 to FR 69B; westerly on FR 69B to FR 82.
16. 6A North Hunt Unit - That portion of 6A east of I-17 and north of FR 213 (Stoneman Lake Road).
17. 6A South Hunt Unit - That portion of 6A east of I-17 and south of FR 213 (Stoneman Lake Road).
18. 6A West Hunt Unit - That portion of 6A west of I-17. Note, this area has limited access.
19. Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A and 21 - Beginning in that portion of Unit 6A at the junction of I-17 and FR 618 (Beaver Creek Road); southeasterly along FR 618 to AZ Hwy 260 (General Crook Trail); east along AZ Hwy 260 to FR 708 (Fossil Creek Road); east along FR 708 to FR 500; south along FR 500 to the Verde River; north along the Verde River to Chasm Creek; west along the bottom of Chasm Creek to FR 574 (Salt Mine Road) in the Prescott National Forest; northwesterly along FR 574 to Oasis Road; west along Oasis Road to AZ Hwy 260; west along AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 89A; north along AZ Hwy 89A to FR 119 (Cornville Road); east along FR 119 to FR 120 (Beaverhead Flat Road); north along FR 120 to AZ Hwy 179; easterly along AZ Hwy 179 to I-17.
20. 7 East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 7 located east of AZ Hwy 180.
21. 7 West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 7 located west of AZ Hwy 180.
22. 22 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located north of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
23. 22 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located south of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the east Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
24. Mazatzal Hunt Area in Unit 22 - that portion of Unit 22 beginning at the confluence of the East Verde River and Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly along FR 406 to FR 414; southerly on FR 414 to AZ Hwy 87 near Rye; south on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 188; southerly on AZ Hwy 188 to the Salt River; westerly along the Salt River to the Verde River; northerly along the Verde River to the confluence with the East Verde River.
25. Ninety percent of the elk located in the Mazatzal Hunt Area in Unit 22 occur in Wilderness areas. Hunters should be prepared for a Wilderness area hunt.



26. Canyon Creek Hunt Area in Unit 23 - That portion of Unit 23 beginning at the junction of FR 512 and the Tonto National Forest boundary; south along FR 512 to FR 188; east along FR 188 to its junction with Valentine Canyon; east along the bottom of Valentine Canyon to its junction with Canyon Creek; south along Canyon Creek to the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary; north along White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation boundary to the Tonto National Forest boundary; west along Tonto National Forest boundary to FR 512.
27. 23 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation Boundary.
28. 23 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located south of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation Boundary.
29. Elk occur in low numbers in these non-traditional areas. Hunt success may be very low to no success.
30. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to elk hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard. For more information on how to apply for a Camp Navajo hunt, go to [www.campnavajo.com](http://www.campnavajo.com) and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
31. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
32. Eligible disabled veterans must be rated at 50% or greater as determined by the Veterans Administration. Written proof is required prior to being allowed to hunt on Camp Navajo.
33. Portions of Units 1 and 27 have been closed to elk hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the Alpine Valley in the following areas of Units 1 and 27: all lands in Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 30 East; all lands, other than USFS lands, in Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, and 14, Township 5 North, Range 30 East; and all lands, other than USFS lands, in Sections 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, Township 5 North, Range 31 East.
34. 27 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 27 located south of the following: beginning at the junction of the San Carlos Indian Reservation Boundary and FR trail 309, easterly on FR trail 309 to FR 54, easterly on FR 54 to U.S. Hwy 191, southeasterly on U.S. Hwy 191 to FR trail 35, southeasterly on FR trail 35 to Blue River, northerly on Blue River to Bear Canyon, northeasterly on Bear Canyon to FR trail 54, easterly on FR trail 54 to FR trail 43, easterly on FR trail 43 to the New Mexico State line.
35. Unit 3C Hunts – For all hunts that include that portion of Unit 3C south of AZ Hwy 260. Due to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire, there are Special Restrictions (per Forest Service Order) in place: 1) Vehicle access is allowed only on roads marked with white arrows; 2) No overnight camping, except in designated areas. Camping is permitted in five areas south of AZ Hwy 260 including Black Canyon Rim Campground, Gentry Campground, Lewis Campground (contact Lakeside Ranger District first), some portions of the forest west of FS 300, just south of AZ Hwy 260, and some areas west of FS 512; 3) Cross-country travel with any type of motorized vehicle is not allowed; 4) Retrieval of Big Game is restricted to roads only (hunters with dead, down, and tagged big game animals can travel on any visible roads, including any secondary or two-track, to retrieve their animals). Please call the Black Mesa Ranger District Office (928-535-4481) or Lakeside Ranger District Office (928-368-5111) for questions regarding the Forest Order and camping areas.
36. The U.S. Forest Service has expressed concern regarding road damage during wet weather. The Department is working with the U.S. Forest Service to provide limited access via designated core roads in units 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, and 9 that will remain open during periods when other roads may be closed. When weather is deemed severe, the core roads may also be closed to prevent excessive road damage, provide for public safety, and protect natural resources. Roads that have been closed are closed to all users. Hunters should respect and obey road closures and drive responsibly during wet periods. It is recommended that hunters contact the appropriate Forest Service office to determine current road status for their hunt area (see the Index: Hunting on Public Lands).

DEFINITIONS: BULL ELK - means an antlered elk. ANTLERLESS ELK - means an elk, any age, without antlers.

ELK BAG LIMIT: One (1) elk per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 5: Turkey

### General Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		1	Any turkey	625	0
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		4A and 4B	Any turkey	375	25
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		5A	Any turkey	400	100
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006	(2)	5B North	Any turkey	35	10
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		6A	Any turkey	475	0
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006	(1)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any turkey	350	100
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		7	Any turkey	75	75
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		8 and 10	Any turkey	600	50
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		12A	Any turkey	750	0
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		13A	Any turkey	5	5
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any turkey	5	0
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		17A, 17B, and 18B	Any turkey	15	15
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		22	Any turkey	100	25
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		23	Any turkey	700	0
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		27	Any turkey	800	75
Total					5310	480

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Juniors-Only Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		1	Any turkey	25	0
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006	(3)	5B South	Any turkey	50	25
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		8 and 10	Any turkey	50	50
No Hunt	Oct 7 - Oct 13, 2005		12A	Any turkey	0	-25
	Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2006		27	Any turkey	25	0
Total					150	50

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply with family on a separate application.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

### Archery-Only Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife		
	Sep 1 - Sep 21, 2006	(1)	1, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, 22, 23, and 27	Any turkey		
	Sep 15 - Sep 28, 2006		12A	Any turkey		
No Hunt	Aug 26 - Sep 1, 2005		27	Any turkey	0	



## Archery-Only Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Sep 1 - Sep 24, 2006	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any turkey

0

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Archery Turkey hunt nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

### Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard. For more information on how to apply for a Camp Navajo hunt, go to [www.campnavajo.com](http://www.campnavajo.com) and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Applications for Camp Navajo hunts may not be submitted online.
2. 5B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located north of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.
3. 5B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located south of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.

TURKEY BAG LIMIT: One (1) turkey per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

# Fall Hunt Guidelines

## Commission Order 6: Javelina

### General Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		28	Any javelina	50
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(5)	29	Any javelina	40
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(2,5)	30A	Any javelina	50
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(5)	30B	Any javelina	20
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		31	Any javelina	30
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(5)	32	Any javelina	75
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		33	Any javelina	105
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(4)	34A	Any javelina	60
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		34B	Any javelina	15
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(1)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina	15
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		35B	Any javelina	15
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		36A	Any javelina	75
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(2)	36B	Any javelina	60
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(2)	36C	Any javelina	50
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006	(3)	37A	Any javelina	120
	Nov 10 - Nov 19, 2006		37B	Any javelina	140
				TOTAL	920

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### HAM Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006		28	Any javelina	15
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(5)	29	Any javelina	10
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(2,5)	30A	Any javelina	20
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(5)	30B	Any javelina	25
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006		31	Any javelina	20
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(5)	32	Any javelina	70
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006		33	Any javelina	70
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(4)	34A	Any javelina	45
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006		34B	Any javelina	10
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(1)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina	15
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006		35B	Any javelina	15
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006		36A	Any javelina	25
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(2)	36B	Any javelina	90
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(2)	36C	Any javelina	25
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006	(3)	37A	Any javelina	50
	Oct 13 - Oct 22, 2006		37B	Any javelina	100
				TOTAL	605

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Archery-Only Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Sep 1 - Sep 10, 2006	(2,5)	27, 28, 29, 30A, 31 and 32	Any javelina	165
	Sep 1 - Sep 10, 2006	(5)	30B	Any javelina	35
	Sep 1 - Sep 10, 2006		33 and 37B	Any javelina	190
	Sep 1 - Sep 10, 2006	(3,4)	34A, 37A and 38M	Any javelina	135
	Sep 1 - Sep 10, 2006	(1)	34B, 35A and 35B (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina	45
	Sep 1 - Sep 10, 2006	(2)	36A, 36B and 36C	Any javelina	90
				TOTAL	660

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and

drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

**Fall Javelina Notes:**

1. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to javelina hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Applications for Fort Huachuca hunts may not be submitted online.
2. The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations. The San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge is closed to javelina hunting.
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
4. The Santa Rita Experimental Range in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
5. Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.

JAVELINA BAG LIMIT: One (1) javelina per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 7: Bighorn Sheep

### General Bighorn Sheep

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,12)	9 and 10	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8,9,13)	12A and 12B West	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8,10)	12B East	Any ram	1	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,12,13)	13A	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8,13)	13B (north of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	6	2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8,12)	13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,12)	15A and 15B (east of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,13)	15B (west of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	3	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,13)	15C (north of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	15C (south of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,13)	15D	Any ram	7	2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any ram	1	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	16B	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	22	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	24B	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	31 and 32	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006		37A	Any ram	1	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	39 (east of AZ Hwy 85)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,13)	39 (west of AZ Hwy 85)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3,8)	40A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 3)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3,13)	40B Gila Mtns. (north of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 3)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3,13)	40B Mohawk and Copper Mtns. (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 3)	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3)	40B Tinajas Altas Mtns. (south of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 3)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,13)	41E (east of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd. [Clanton Hills Rd.])	Any ram	4	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,4,13)	41W (west of the Dateland-Palomas- Harquahala Rd. [Clanton Hills Rd.] and south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,4)	43A	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,4,13)	43B	Any ram	5	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	44A (west of Swansea Rd. and south of Bill Williams River Rd.)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,13)	44B (north of I-10)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,13)	44B (south of I-10 and that portion of 45A and 45B north of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,13)	45A (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	4	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,13)	45B (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,13)	45C (Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	5	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,3,5,13)	46A (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 3)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,3,5,13)	46B (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 3)	Any ram	6	2
	Nov 1 - Nov 30, 2006	(1,6)	Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	23 and 24A	Any ram	1	1

## General Bighorn Sheep

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,11)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any ram	1	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 15, 2006	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191/666) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 16 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191/666) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,7,13)	Foote Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North	Any ram	5	1
Total					93	13

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Bighorn Sheep hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Notes:

1. All bighorn sheep hunters must personally check out within 3 days following the close of the season in accordance with R12-4-308. Unsuccessful hunters and those who did not hunt must also check out either in person or by telephone.
2. The Bill Williams River, Cabeza Prieta, Havasu, Imperial and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to bighorn sheep hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
3. Entry into portions of these hunt units is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.
4. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to bighorn sheep hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Hunters drawn for Unit 43B planning to hunt on YPG must check in with the YPG Hunting Coordinator by calling the toll-free number prior to conducting any hunting activities in this area. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
5. Due to travel restrictions in the Wilderness Area, those persons interested in hunting bighorn sheep on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge should contact the Refuge Manager (520) 387-6483 for information regarding special refuge regulations prior to applying.
6. Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27 -- That portion of Units 1 and 27 beginning at the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary and FR 82; east on FR 82 to FR 25; east on FR 25 to FR 24 (Buffalo Crossing); north on FR 24 to FR 249E; east on FR 249E to FR 249; east on FR 249 to FR 403; east on FR 403 to FR 276; south on FR 276 to FR 37; south on FR 37 to FR 405; south on FR 405 to FR 24; south on FR 24 to FR 25; northwest on FR 25 to FR 25D; west on FR 25D to the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary; north along the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary to FR 82.
7. Foote Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North -- That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 180 and the New Mexico state line; south along the New Mexico state line to FR 232; west on FR 232 to FR 281; south on FR 281 to FR Trail 75; west on FR Trail 75 to FR Trail 76; west on FR Trail 76 to U.S. Hwy 191/666; north on U.S. Hwy 191/666 to U.S. Hwy 180; east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the New Mexico state line.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM road 1065 and north of U.S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S.Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
10. 12B East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying east of BLM road 1065 and south of the segment of U.S. Hwy 89A between the Kaibab National Forest Boundary easterly to Navajo Bridge.
11. Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow; east-northeast on FR trail 76 to FR trail 75; east on FR trail 75 through Grant Creek drainage to FR 281 (the Blue Road); north on FR road 281 to FR trail 52; east-southeast on FR trail 52, in Lanphier Canyon, to FR trail 55; south-southwest on FR trail 55 through Bear Valley to Blue River; north-northwest in Blue River to FR trail 20; west on FR trail 20 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow.
12. This unit has a low density bighorn sheep population in a remote area with difficult access. Hunters should be prepared for backcountry camping and extensive strenuous hiking in an extremely remote, harsh hunting environment.
13. Non-residents: Permits are available within these hunt numbers for which you may be drawn in accordance with R12-4-114(E).

BIGHORN BAG LIMIT: One (1) desert bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120. One (1) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

DEFINITION: RAM - means any male bighorn sheep, excluding male lambs.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 8: Buffalo

### General Buffalo

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Sep 9 - Sep 11, 2006	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	2	2
	Sep 23 - Sep 25, 2006	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	2	-1
	Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2006	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	2	-1
	Oct 21 - Oct 23, 2006	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	2	-1
Total					8	-1

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire handguns, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304. Note that bow and arrow or centerfire handguns may NOT be used at Raymond Ranch Wildlife Area.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Buffalo hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

### Notes:

1. A hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd shall be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who shall designate the animal to be harvested and shall hunt in the order scheduled by the Department in accordance with R12-4-306.
2. An unsuccessful hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information. (R12-4-306).
3. Successful applicants will be contacted in writing by the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide them with additional information regarding their hunt.

BUFFALO BAG LIMIT: One (1) buffalo in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

HOUSE ROCK BUFFALO HUNT SPECIAL NOTE: During the fall and spring hunts at the House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA), a significant portion of the herd has in the past moved to the Grand Canyon National Park where hunting is not allowed. Hunters are advised that if this occurs, their ability to successfully harvest a buffalo may be significantly impacted. As with any hunt, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from being successful. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points, to refund any fees, or to provide any other form of relief.

The HRWA buffalo hunt is considered to be one of the most difficult hunts in the state. Buffalo can be difficult to locate. Plan on spending the entire season hunting, as an abbreviated hunt will lower your chances of success. Buffalo hunters must dress and care for their own animals; the Department will not assist. Take time to improve your physical condition. Hunters are often required to walk considerable distances (up to 8 miles) every day over rugged terrain. House Rock hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions.

High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Some portions of HRWA are included in the U.S. Forest Service wilderness system that does not preclude hunter access but does limit their means of transportation and equipment usage. For more information, call the Flagstaff Regional Office at 928-774-5045.

SPECIAL BUFFALO REGULATIONS: Buffalo meat taken under this Order may be sold as prescribed in R12-4-305. SEE BUFFALO HUNT REGULATIONS UNDER R12-4-306.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 9: Bear

### General Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Obj
Aug 11 - Aug 31, 2006	(1,2)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Aug 11 - Aug 31, 2006	(1,2)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	3C	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	4A and 5A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	5B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	6A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 11 - Aug 31, 2006	(1,2)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	7 and 9	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	8	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	10, 18A, 19B, 20A, and 20B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	17A, 17B, and 18B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,8)	21	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,3)	22 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Aug 11 - Aug 31, 2006	(1,2,4)	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,4)	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,5)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Aug 11 - Aug 31, 2006	(1,2,6)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,6)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Aug 11 - Aug 31, 2006	(1,2)	24B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	12
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	28	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	29 and 30A	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	31	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 6 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,7)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs	
			Total	78

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

### Archery-Only Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Obj
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2)	6B (except Camp Navajo) and 11M	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2,5)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Sep 1 - Oct 5, 2006	(1,2)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1

## Archery-Only Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Obj
			Total	17

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

### Notes:

1. No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear.
2. When the number of bears equaling the female harvest objective for a particular hunt has been reported killed, the unit(s) will be closed at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-800-970-BEAR (-2327) before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open.
3. 22 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located north of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
4. 22 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located south of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the east Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
5. 23 North Hunt Unit -- That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
6. 23 South Hunt Unit -- That portion of Unit 23 located south of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
7. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Special regulation requirements must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Applications for Fort Huachuca hunts may not be submitted online.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BEAR BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter shall present the bears skull, hide, and attached proof of sex for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.



# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 10: Mountain Lion

### *General Mountain Lion*

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
Sep 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007	7,8,11,12,13	Statewide (except National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M, and any hunt listed below in Commission Order 10 with a harvest objective)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,13)	6A South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	15
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,6,7)	13B South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3)	15B (west of Temple Bar Rd.), 15C, and 15D	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Sep 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007	(2,4,14)	16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B (except for National Wildlife Refuges)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	1
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,6,8)	21 West	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	8
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3)	22 (south of AZ Hwy 87 and FR 143, and west of AZ Hwy 188)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	12
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,11)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	5
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,12)	Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3,6,14)	40A	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	4
Jul 1, 2006 - Jun 30, 2007	(3)	42 (except White Tank Mountain Park)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	4

## General Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
			Total	79

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

## Archery-Only Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
Sep 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007	(5,9,10)	11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
			Total	

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

### Notes:

1. Camp Navajo is closed to mountain lion hunting.
2. When the number of mountain lions equaling the harvest objective has been reported, Units 16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B will close at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open.
3. When the number of mountain lions equaling the harvest objective for a particular hunt has been reported, that hunt will revert to the statewide bag limit of one (1) lion per calendar year at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if the harvest objective for their desired hunt unit is still in effect.
4. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to mountain lion hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT or (928) 328-2148.
5. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
6. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
7. 13B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 13B south of the following line: beginning at the junction of the Arizona/Nevada state line and county road 101. Northeast along county road 101 to county road 5. Southerly on county road 5 to county road 257. Southerly on county road 257 to BLM road 1045. Southerly on BLM road 1045 to the bottom of Whitmore Canyon. South in Whitmore Canyon to the Colorado River.
8. 21 West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 21 beginning at the junction of I-17 and the Cherry Creek Road, easterly along FR 732 to Squaw Peak, southeasterly from Squaw Peak along the Verde Rim to Hutch Mesa, southwesterly from Hutch Mesa along Squaw Creek to I-17, north along I-17 to the Cherry Creek Road junction.
9. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the city of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
10. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
11. Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 76 at Hannagan Meadow; east-northeast on FR trail 76 to FR trail 75; east on FR trail 75 through Grant Creek drainage to FR 281 (the Blue Road); north on FR road 281 to FR trail 52; east-southeast on FR trail 52, in Lanphier Canyon, to FR trail 55; south-southwest on FR trail 55 through Bear Valley to Blue River; north-northwest in Blue River to FR trail 20; west on FR trail 20 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow.

12. Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 20; east on FR trail 20 to Blue River; south in Blue river to FR trail 55; east-northeast on FR trail 55 to FR trail 41; east-southeast on FR trail 41 to the Arizona-New Mexico stateline; south on the Arizona-New Mexico stateline to the San Francisco River; west in the San Francisco River to Blue River; north in Blue River to FR 475 (the Juan Miller road); west on FR 475 to U.S. Hwy 191; north U.S. Hwy 191 to FR trail 20.
13. 6A South Hunt Unit - That portion of 6A east of I-17 and south of FR 213 (Stoneman Lake Road).
14. Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.

**MOUNTAIN LION BAG LIMIT:** One (1) mountain lion per calendar year statewide. Units 16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B will close to the take of mountain lions following the reported harvest of a mountain lion. In units with a harvest objective greater than one (1), hunters may take one (1) mountain lion per day until the harvest objective is reached. Once the harvest objective has been reached in units with a harvest objective greater than one (1), the season will remain open and revert to calendar year bag limit of one (1) mountain lion. Mountain lions taken under the one (1) per day bag limit do not apply towards the calendar year bag limit until the harvest objective is reached.

**MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL REGULATION:** As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-877-438-0447 within 48 hours of taking a lion. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the lion taken, management unit where the lion was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a lion, the hunter shall present the lions skull, hide, and attached proof of sex for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

**MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL NOTE:** The purpose of the 6A South hunt is to encourage removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on a recently transplanted bighorn sheep population. The hunt in Unit 13B South is to encourage removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on a bighorn sheep population. The hunt in Units 15B West, 15C, and 15D is to encourage removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on a declining bighorn sheep population. The hunt in Unit 21 West is to encourage the removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on the adult doe segment of the declining pronghorn population. The hunt in Unit 22 (south of AZ Hwy 87 and FR 143, and west of AZ Hwy 188) is to encourage removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on a bighorn sheep population. The hunt in the Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 is to encourage the removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on a recently transplanted bighorn sheep population. The hunt in the Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27 is to encourage the removal of mountain lions by hunters in preparation for a bighorn sheep transplant. The hunt in Unit 40A is to encourage the removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on a declining bighorn sheep population. The hunt in Unit 42 is to encourage the removal of mountain lions by hunters to reduce predation on a recently transplanted bighorn sheep population.

# Hunt Recommendations

## Commission Order 26: Population Management Seasons

### Elk

#### *Elk General Population Management Seasons*

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,5)	Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1	Designated elk	200
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	3A	Designated elk	120
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	3B and 3C	Designated elk	100
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	4A and 4B	Designated elk	215
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	6A, 19A and 21	Designated elk	130
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	12A and 12B	Designated elk	30
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,6)	Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A South and 44A	Designated elk	15
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	17A, 17B, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Designated elk	115
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	22	Designated elk	75
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	23	Designated elk	75
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	27	Designated elk	125
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	28 and 31	Designated elk	35
Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(9)	2A	Any elk	30
Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(9,10,12)	12A East	Any elk	150
Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(9,10,12)	12A East	Any elk	50
Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(9,10,13)	12A West	Any elk	500
Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(9,10,13)	12A West	Any elk	175
Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(8,9,10)	12B	Any elk	25
Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(8,9,10)	12B	Any elk	75
Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(8,9,10,14)	12B West	Any elk	185
			Total	2425

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

#### *Elk Muzzleloader Population Management Seasons*

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Sep 8 - Sep 17, 2006	(9)	2B	Antlerless elk	35
			Total	35

#### *Elk HAM Population Management Seasons*

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	28 and 31	Designated elk	25
			Total	25

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

#### *Elk Archery-Only Population Management Seasons*

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	3B and 3C	Designated elk	100
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	4B and 5A	Designated elk	75
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	6A, 19A and 21	Designated elk	30

### ***Elk Archery-Only Population Management Seasons***

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	22	Designated elk	50
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	23	Designated elk	25
Total				280

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

## **Javelina**

### ***Javelina General Population Management Seasons***

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	1 and 27	Any javelina	20
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	3B and 3C	Any javelina	20
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	22 and 23	Any javelina	10
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	24A and 24B	Any javelina	10
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	28	Any javelina	50
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3)	30A	Any javelina	50
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3)	30B	Any javelina	50
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	31	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3)	32	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,4)	35A	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	37A	Any javelina	25
Total				310

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

### ***Javelina HAM Population Management Seasons***

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	28	Any javelina	50
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3)	30A	Any javelina	50
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3)	30B	Any javelina	50
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	31	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,3)	32	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,4)	35A	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	37A	Any javelina	25
Total				250

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

### ***Javelina Archery-Only Population Management Seasons***

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	1 and 27	Any javelina	20
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	3B and 3C	Any javelina	20
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1)	25M, 26M, and 47M	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,4)	35A	Any javelina	25
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	37A	Any javelina	25
Total				115

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

## **Buffalo**

### ***Buffalo General Population Management Seasons***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,11)	5A and 5B	Designated buffalo	6
Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(9,10,11)	12A East	Any buffalo	150
Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(9,10,11)	12A East	Any buffalo	50
Oct 27 - Nov 5, 2006	(9,10,11)	12A West	Any buffalo	500
Nov 24 - Dec 3, 2006	(9,10,11)	12A West	Any buffalo	175
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8,11)	12A, 12B and 13A	Designated buffalo	150
Total				1031

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire handguns, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304. Bow and arrow or centerfire handguns may NOT be used on Raymond Wildlife Area.

## **Bear**

### ***Bear General Population Management Seasons***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	1 and 27	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	3B and 3C	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	4A and 4B	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,8)	20B and 21	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	22 and 23	Any bear except sow with cubs	10
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	24A and 24B	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	28	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,3)	29	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	31	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,3)	32	Any bear except sow with cubs	3
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,7)	34A	Any bear except sow with cubs	3
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,4)	35A and 35B	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Total				58

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

### ***Bear HAM Population Management Seasons***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	28	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,3)	29	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	31	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,3)	32	Any bear except sow with cubs	3
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,7)	34A	Any bear except sow with cubs	3
Total				21

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

### ***Bear Archery-Only Population Management Seasons***

**Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.**

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	1 and 27	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	3B and 3C	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	4A and 4B	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,8)	20B and 21	Any bear except sow with cubs	2
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	22 and 23	Any bear except sow with cubs	2
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2)	24A and 24B	Any bear except sow with cubs	2

## **Bear Archery-Only Population Management Seasons**

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jul 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,2,4)	35A and 35B	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
			Total	23

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

### **Notes:**

1. These seasons shall be held in accordance with R12-4-115 and may include shorter time frames, smaller geographic areas, and specification of legal wildlife within that described in this Commission Order.
2. In accordance with R12-4-318, dogs may not be used to pursue bears between January 1 and July 31.
3. Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
4. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to hunting only to properly licensed military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
5. Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1 -- That portion of Unit 1 beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 260 and AZ Hwy 261; south on AZ Hwy 261 to FR 8070C; east on FR 8070C to FR 285; north on FR 285 to FR 74; east on FR 74 to FR trail 607 (Saffel Canyon Trail); east on FR trail 607 to AZ Hwy 191; southeast on AZ Hwy 191 to Nutrioso Creek; north along Nutrioso Creek to AZ Hwy 60; west on AZ Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 191; south along AZ Hwy 191 to AZ Hwy 260; west on AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 261.
6. Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A - That portion of Unit 16A south of Signal Road and east of the Yucca-Alamo Road; and that portion of Unit 44A north of AZ Hwy 93 (Alamo Road).
7. The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. Restricted nonpermit tags for these population management seasons will be available to permit holders in corresponding big game seasons.
10. Successful elk and/or buffalo hunters must check out and personally present their elk and/or buffalo for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station in accordance with R12-4-308.
11. Individuals that have previously harvested a buffalo in Arizona and have met the one (1) per lifetime bag limit are not eligible to purchase the restricted nonpermit tag for buffalo.
12. 12A East Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located east of AZ Hwy 67 and south of U.S. Hwy 89A.
13. 12A West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located west of AZ Hwy 67 and also that portion of Unit 12A located north of U.S. Hwy 89A.
14. 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM Rd. 1065 and north of U. S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S. Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.

### **Special Notes:**

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F or G license plus restricted nonpermit-tag for legal wildlife. Successful applicants for Population Management Hunts may not exceed the bag limit except as prescribed in R12-4-120.